MINUTES

OF THE

German Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF

PENNSYLVANIA,

Convened in Harrisburg, in the week of Trinity, from the 5th to the 10th day of June, A. D. 1841.

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CONVENTION OF SYNOD.

In pursuance of a resolution of Synod, the Pastors and Lay-Delegates assembled in Harrisburg, on the 5th of June, A. D. 1841, to transact the Synodical business of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pennsylvania. In the evening, Rev. Dr. Morris, of Baltimore, preached on Acts VIII. 37.

The day following, being the Feast of the Holy Trinity, divine service was held in the Lutheran Church.—In the morning, Rev. Dr. Demme, President of the Ministerium, preached in the German language, on Psalm XVI. 6. The Secretary, Pastor H. S. Miller, preached in the afternoon, in the English language, on Luke x. 38—42. The Treasurer, Rev. Dr. Becker, in the evening, on 2. Peter III. 14. On the same morning, Pastor Bætis, Senior of the Ministerium, preached at Linglestown, on Psalm XXXIV. 19. Prof. Reynolds spoke in the German Reformed Church, in the English language, as did also Pastor Fr. Ruthrauff in the evening, on John III. 3.

FIRST SESSION. *Monday, June* 7, 9 o. c. *A. M.*

The Pastors and Lay-Delegates met in the Lutheran Church The session was opened with singing and prayer by the President.

The following Ministers were present.

NAMES OF THE MINISTERS.		THEIR RESIDENCE.
Rev.	*J. P. Hecht,*	Easton.
"	*J. Miller, D. D.*	Reading.
"	*D. Ulrich,*	Stauchstown.
"	*W. G. Ernst, D. D.*	Lebanon.
"	*Wm. Bætis, (Senior),*	Lancaster.
"	*J. C. Becker, D. D.*	Lancaster.
"	*J. P. Hemping,*	Berryburg, Dauphin co.
"	*J. P. Schindel, sen.*	Sunbury.
"	*J. A. Probst,*	Easton.

Names of the Ministers.		Their Residence.
Rev.	*C. Miller,*	New Hanover, Mont. co.
"	*C. R. Demme, D. D.*	Philadelphia.
"	*Stein,*	Jonestown, Leb. co.
"	*G. A. Reichardt,**	Philadelphia.
"	*Fr. Ruthrauff,*	Kimberton, Chester co.
"	*G. Heilig,*	Blue Bell, Mont. co.
"	*Jon. Ruthrauff,*	Lebanon.
"	*H. S. Miller,*	Trappe, Mont. co.
"	*C. P. Miller,*	Brickersville, Lan. co.
"	*J. D. Gross,*	Easton.
"	*J. Rœller,*	Kutztown.
"	*Jer. Schindel,*	Kerns, Lehigh co.
"	*S. D. Finkel,*	Germantown.
"	*Dietzsch,*	New Hanover.
"	*J. Hæsbert,*	Baltimore.
"	*E. W. Welden,*	Bucksville, Bucks co.
"	*A. Fuchs,*	Bath, North. co.
"	*C. W. Schæffer,*	Harrisburg.
Prof.	*F. Schmidt,*	Pittsburg.
Prof.	*Reynolds,*	Gettysburg.
Pastor	*Mærtz,*	Linglesburg, Dauphin co.
"	*Sprecher,*	Middletown.
"	*Stœver,*	Milton.
"	*Kohler,*	Kutztown.
"	*C. A. Griebler,*	Rothrocks P. O., Berks co
"	*J. P. Schindel, jr.*	Middleburg, Union co.
"	*A. T. Geissenhainer,*	Orwigsburg.
"	*Gerhart,*	Elizabethtown.
Cand.	*Conrad,*	
"	*Gockelen,*	Pinegrove.
"	*Friedrich,*	Maccungy.
The following were absent.		
Rev.	*Meendsen,*	
"	*G. Minnig,*	with excuse.
"	*J. J. Strein,*	do.
"	*Stecher,*	do.
"	*Trumbauer,*	do.

*) arrived in the afternoon.

Rev.	*B. German,*	without excuse.
"	*G. Jæger,*	do.
"	*Abele,*	with excuse.
"	*J. W. Eyer,*	do.
"	*J. W. Richards,*	do.
"	*Bahl,*	do.
"	*Beilharz,*	do.
"	*W. B. Kæmmer,*	without excuse.
"	*J. Jæger,*	do.
"	*Binninger,*	do.
"	*Schulze,*	do.
"	*M. Herpel,*	do.
"	*E. Peixoto,*	with excuse.
"	*W. Minnig,*	without excuse.
"	*E. Miner,*	without excuse.
"	*H. P. R. Mueller,*	with excuse.
"	*Hursch,*	without excuse.
"	*Nuelsen,*	with excuse.
"	*Georgii,*	do.

The following Gentlemen presented their credentials as Delegates, and took their seats as Members of Synod, viz :

Mr.	Daniel Ulrich,	*Lebanon co.*
"	Adam Keller,	*Lancaster.*
"	John Werth,	*Berryburg.*
"	Wm. M. Grey,	*Sunbury.*
"	Jacob Miller,	*Philadelphia.*
"	Ernst Lieb,	
"	Philip Spitler,	*Jonestown.*
"	George M. Binder,	*Chester co.*
"	John George,	*Lebanon.*
"	John E. Gross,	*Trappe.*
"	Jacob Buch,	*Brickersville.*
"	John Miller,	*Kutztown.*
"	Valentine Hummel,	*Harrisburg.*
"	John Earley,	*Linglestown.*
"	Andreas Ulsch,	*Middleburg.*
"	J. George Stein,	*Pinegrove.*
"	Jacob Romig,	*Maccungy.*
"	Charles Witman,	*Orwigsburg.*
"	John Beard,	*Elizabethtown.*

Rev. Dr. B. Kurtz appeared as Delegate from the Synod of Maryland, and was admitted to a seat as an advisory member.

On motion,

Resolved: That the Rev. Messrs. A. T. Geissenhainer, Mærtz and Gerhart, be received as members of this Synod.

Resolved: That Rev. Dr. D. Kurtz, sen. Dr. Morris, Fisher, Anspach and Heilig, be received as advisory members.

Synod therefore consisted of 58 members.

In compliance with a resolution passed by Synod at its last Session, the President now presented his report.

President's Report.

Respected Brethren, Pastors and Elders of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania! By a resolution of Synod it is made incumbent on me, to lay before you a report of my official acts during the past Synodical year. Making my statements in the successive order of their occurrence, I believe to be the most concise & simple form I could adopt.

July 6th, 1840, Rev. Candidate Conrad addressed me by letter asking my opinion as to the right of Members of the German Reformed Church voting at the pending election for a Minister in the Ev. Lutheran Church at Pinegrove, at the same time proposing several questions, the answers to which should influence his decision after the election. I gave my opinion as to the first, and answered his inquiries. Immediately after this, Mr. Conrad notified me that he had withdrawn his name previous to the election, and asked permission to visit vacant congregations. This I accorded to him, at the same time advising, should he receive a call from congregations not in the district of our Synod, to attach himself to the Synod in whose district he should locate.

Under date of July 16th, a very urgent request was forwarded to me by Mr. G. N. Eckert of Swatara Furnace, to the effect, that Mr. Conrad, whose labors had been very beneficial, might not leave the district. As Mr. Conrad had already decided, for weighty reasons to himself, I could do nothing in the matter. The papers are marked A. B. C.

August the 4th, a letter from Candidate Gockelen (marked D.) stating that he was elected and called by 3 congregations in Schuylkill co., and asking permission to accept the call. This I granted, providing the election had been lawful, and that these congregations

had the right so to vote, apart from the other congregations constituting the district.

Aug. 6th, a letter from Candidate Friedrich respecting an election held in the Maccungy congregation for a minister. Soon after this the church council of said congregation sent information, that the committee of the Rev. Synod, upon considering all the circumstances, had proposed an election for a minister; that the congregation had acceded to the proposition, and on the 1st day of August the election was held, under the inspection of Messrs. Bretz, Gackenbach and Trexler. The result was, the election of Mr. Friedrich as Minister, & the congregation expressed the hope, that he would be permitted to accept the call.—After conscientious deliberation I thought it my duty to accord the permission. The papers are marked E. F. G.

About this time I received a letter from Candidate George Albert Schieferdecker in St. Louis, Mo. one of the deluded victims brought to this country by the unprincipled Stephan. He presents a truly interesting account of his gradual developement in the Spiritual life, and expresses the wish to become a member of our Synod. In my answer I informed him that he could only be admitted a member on making personal application before our body, and therefore advised, rather to attach himself to one of the Western Synods of our Church. marked I.

Under date of Sep. 2. Rev. Mr. Barnitz of Jonestown, Cambria co. requested his dismissal from our Synod, which I sent to him accordingly. marked K.

About the end of September, a letter from Rev. J. Wynecken, Fort Wayne, Indiana, in which he represents the destitution of Bibles among the Germans in the neighborhood, and earnestly requests that a number might be forwarded. The amiable christian spirit of the Pennsylvania Bible Society enabled me to gratify this wish. marked L.

Jan. 11. 1840, I had a conversation with Mr. J. R. Anspach, a Student in the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, respecting the acceptance of a call given him by the congregations of Barrenhill and Whitemarsh. Rev. C. Schæfer had already informed me of his accepting a call from the Ev. Lutheran Congregation in Harrisburg, and that the peculiar circumstances of his former charge rendered it highly desirable that they be speedily supplied; at the same time he recommended Mr. Anspach as a young man whom he believed worthy of his confidence. After a later conversation on Theologi-

cal subjects, with Mr. Anspach, I presented him with a License '*ad interim*', subject to the conditions fixed by Synod, and Mr. Anspach will appear as an applicant before our Ministerium. marked N. O. P.

May 1st, Rev. E. Peixoto informed me that he had accepted a call from the congregations formerly supplied by our deceased Father Rœller, and expressed the wish that the now vacant congregations in Tioga county might soon be supplied with a minister. marked Q.

May 9th, Rev. G. Mærtz, member of the Rev. Synod of New York, gave notice that he had accepted a call from the congregations Wenrick and Schell in Dauphin co. and wished again to become a member of this Synod. marked R.

From the Minutes of the Eastern District of the Rev. Synod of Ohio, which reached me on the 16th of April, I learned, that the Synod had instructed their Committee, authorised to publish a Liturgy, to act in concert with us, on this subject.

Apr. 26th, a letter from the Rev. Candidate H. K. Miller, in Alleghanytown, stating, that by a change of residence he was now located in the midst of the Synod of Ohio, and therefore thinks it proper he should join that Body. He requests an honorable dismissal, which I have accordingly forwarded. marked S.

Apr. 30th, I received a communication from Rev. Dr. Morris in Baltimore, President of the Rev. Synod of Maryland, concerning Mr. Vogelbach, a preacher among the "*United-Brethren*", who had applied for admission into the Ev. Luth. Ministerium of Maryland. Dr. Morris states, that Mr. Vogelbach had been admitted by him, and would apply as a Lutheran Minister for admission into this Body, at the present meeting of our Synod. I must refer to the Rev. Synod, to act in this matter as it deems proper.

May 6th, a letter from the Rev. Charles Maria Posthauer, Jonesboro, Union co. Illinois, stating his wish to join the Synod of the West, and therefore requesting a dismissal. Although Mr. Posthauer is probably no longer considered a member of this Body, I nevertheless thought proper to grant him the dismissal.

Rev. Dr. Ernst gave notice, that he had recently accepted a call from Bindnagel's congregation in Lebanon co.

The following Parishes are vacant, which, it is desirable, should soon be supplied: the former congregations of Rev. E. Peixoto, in Blockhouse Settlement, Tioga co; also the congregations between Saylorsburg and Stroudsburg, formerly under the charge of Rev. J. D. Gross.

Dr. Rivinus presented to me the valuable East India Missionary Reports, published by the Directors of the Orphan House in Halle. I place them at the disposal of the Rev. Synod.

The following Synodical Minutes were forwarded to me during the year: the Minutes of the Synod of Ohio—the English Synod of Ohio—the Synod of North Carolina 1839—the Synod of Virginia 1839 and 1840—the Synod of the West—the Synod of S. Carolina and neighboring states 1839—the Synod of New York. I likewise hand in a number of copies of our own Minutes of the last year.

And now, beloved Brethren! may the Spirit of harmony and peace be with us! may an enlightened zeal in the cause of Jesus Christ our Master actuate us! may we separate with the conscious feeling, that others can say to us: ye have done what you could!

C. R. DEMME.

The President now gave notice that the officer's, terms of service had expired, and nominated Rev. Dr. Ernst and Mr. J. Miller, inspectors of the election.

The officers elected were—

PASTOR C. MILLER, *President.*
PASTOR H. S. MILLER, *Secretary.*
DR. J. C. BECKER, *Treasurer.*

Rev. Mr. Stroh, Delegate from the West Pennsylvania Synod appeared and received a seat.

Rev. Dr. DeWitt of the Presbyterian Church and Rev. Mr. Andrews of the Baptist Church were introduced as advisory members.

The papers directed to the Synod were next called in by the President, numbered, and given to six committees to examine and report thereon.

The Minutes of Sister Synods were likewise received.

The *First* committee consisted of: Messrs. Hecht, Jer. Schindel, Conrad, D. Ulrich and J. E. Gross.

The *Second* committee of: Messrs. Dr. Miller, Probst, Gockelin, Adam Keller, & Ernst Lieb.

The *Third* committee of: Messrs. Ulrich, G. A. Reichardt, Friedrich, Jacob Miller and G. Binder.

The *Fourth* committee of: Messrs. Dr. Becker, Beates, Welden, Philip Spitler and John George.

The *Fifth* committee of: Messrs. Dr. Ernst, Fr. Ruthrauff, Rœller, Val. Hummel and John Earley.

The *Sixth* committee of: Messrs. Schindel, sen. Hemping, Heilig, J. G. Stein and Jacob Romig.

Special committees were appointed.

To examine the President's Report: Messrs. Schmidt, Sprecher & C. Witman.

To examine the minutes of last year: Mess. J. Ruthrauff, Gross and Dietzsch.

To examine the President's accounts: Dr. Miller, Dr. Becker and Dr. Ernst.

To examine the Treasurer's accounts: Mess. Reynolds, Kohler and Werth.

Report of the committee appointed at a former session of the Synod to prepare a Constitution for the Ministerium.

The committee, instructed by Synod to prepare its Ministerial Constitution in a more complete form for publication, respectfully report, that they have endeavored to fulfil the task allotted them, and are prepared to lay the result of their labors before the Synod for examination. The committee would observe, that on some few points only a difference of opinion existed among the committee, and it is mutually understood, that each individual member may defend his own opinion in the public discussion of these points.

C. R. Demme,
J. Miller,
John C. Becker,
John P. Hecht,
J. P. Schindel.

The Report was accepted, and on motion

Resolved: That the Constitution of the Ministerium, be first in order in the afternoon session.

Minutes of other Synods since received were handed to two Special committees viz:

a) Mess. Finkel and Mærtz,
b) " Hæsbert and Schindel, jr.

The Sermons and Journals of the candidates were distributed for inspection among the oldest Brethren.

The President gave notice, that applicants, if any, should now present themselves—Mr. F. A. Anspach here presented himself as an applicant.—On motion of Dr. Becker.

Resolved: that Mr. F. A. Anspach be admitted to an examination.

Session closed with prayer by Dr. D. Kurtz, sen.

SECOND SESSION, *Monday*, 3 *o. c. P. M.*

Opened with prayer by Pastor Ulrich.

Rev. Dr. Demme, (Chairman of the committee on the constitution) in accordance with the resolution of the morning—now read the work, prepared by the committee, to the Synod.

Hereupon Synod

Resolved: That it be accepted and adopted by paragraphs.

During the session, Br. Lochman of York, and Rev. Messrs. Bossler and Müsig of the German Reformed Church, were introduced as advisory members.

Rev. Dr. Mayer, Delegate from the Synod of New York, appeared and was admitted to seat and vote.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Ernst.

Brother J. Ruthrauff preached in the evening, on Rom VIII. 15—16.

THIRD SESSION, *Tuesday*, 9 *o. c. A. M.*

Opened with singing and prayer by Br. Griebler.

Rev. Mr. Schmalz, Delegate from the German Reformed Church, was introduced as advisory member.

The Synod proceeded with the consideration of the constitution of the Ministerium during this session.—When after a thorough examination and discussion, and some few alterations made, it was unanimously adopted.

Synod adjourned—prayer by pastor Probst.

FOURTH SESSION, *Tuesday*, 3 *o. c. P. M.*

Opened with prayer by Br. Fr. Ruthrauff.

Report of the committee on the President's report.

The committee to whom the President's report was referred, have the honor to report, that it embraces much of a cheering nature on the condition of the church at large; the committee especially observe with peculiar satisfaction the affectionate and fraternal disposition of the Synod of Ohio, in co-operating with us in the publication of a Liturgy, and are of opinion that it merits the notice of our Synod.

The committee however regret to state, that a letter, referred to in the President's report, seems to place us in a less friendly relation

towards the President of another Sister Synod; and whereas it deserves the notice of Synod, the committee respectfully move, that said letter be read before the Synod.

FRIEDRICH SCHMIDT,
CHARLES WITMAN,
SAMUEL SPRECHER.

The part of the report having reference to the Liturgy, was referred until that subject should be brought forward.

In reference to the latter part, the above mentioned letter was read before Synod, and after considerable debate thereon, Synod *resolved*, that this part of the report be referred to the committee, to report upon in the morning.

Brother Sprecher obtained leave of absence until the following afternoon. As a member of the above committee Pastor Finkel was appointed to supply the vacancy.

Professor Reynolds obtained leave of absence.

Adjourned.—Prayer by Dr. D. Kurtz.

FIFTH SESSION, *Wednesday 9 o. c. A. M.*

Opened with singing, and prayer by G. A. Reichardt.

The committee to whom the papers were yesterday referred, reported as follows:

Whereas it is most desirable that a truly fraternal relation should subsist between the different Synods, and that nothing should occur, tending to disturb the harmony of the church, therefore

Resolved: that we earnestly request the Presidents and members of our different Synods, to receive no minister into their connexion who shall not be able to produce an honorable dismissal from the Synod of which he was a member; and especially, that, ministers forsaking other denominations and desiring to be received by us, be required in every case, first to apply for admission to the Synod in whose district they may at the time live or purpose locating themselves.

And whereas, in the estimation of this Synod, the now President of the Synod of Maryland did make certain encroachments on our indispensible rights, but which he claims on his side as undoubted priviledges; therefore be it further

Resolved: That the Delegate of this Synod to the Synod of Maryland make remonstrance on this subject.

Friedrich Schmidt,
Charles Witman,
S. D. Finkel.

The report was adopted.

Reports of thf Committees.

The *First* committee report as follows:

No. 1. A letter from Mr. Kohler, addressed to this Synod, inclosing another letter.

Resolved: That it be referred to the Missionary Society.

No. 2. A letter from Br. Beilhartz mentioning the illness of his children as the cause of his not appearing at Synod, and at the same time asking the opinion of the Synod on the following question: Can a Lutheran Minister, with a good conscience admit to the Holy supper, professed members of our church, who have been confirmed without the usual instruction, by so called New-Lutheran Ministers, unless after holding an examination with them ?"

Resolved: That Brother Beilharz be excused.

Resolved: That the question be answered in the negative *provided* the Ministers have reason to believe that above mentioned persons are not sufficiently acquainted with the doctrines of Christianity.

No. 3. A letter from Br. E. Peixoto praying to be excused for absence; he ascribes the spirit of piety prevailing in his congregations, to the zeal, steadfast adhereance to the ancient usages of the Lutheran church and entire disapproval of the new measures, evinced by his Rev. predecessor.

He also recommends to the attention of Synod, the 3 congregations formerly in his charge, with the intimation, that, rather than accept a Minister who should advocate the General Synod or engage in the new measures, they would for a season do without one.

Resolved: That Br. Peixoto be excused.

In reference to the above congregations

Resolved: That any Minister in our connexion be permitted to visit them.

No. A. A petition of the Minersville congregation, praying for $ 100 to aid in completing their church.

Resolved: That it be referred to the President of the Synod.

No. B. A letter from Rev. W. G. Minnig, containing parochial report and monies collected in his congregations for Synodical and Missionary purposes.

The *Second* committee reported

No. 4. The prayer of Rev. W. Eyer to be excused, with his parochial report, and Five Dollars collected for the Synodical treasury.

Resolved: That Br. Eyer's excuse be accepted.

No. 5. A letter from the Rev. Pastor Treviranus in Bremen, notifying the late President of the formation of an Evangelical Society, to supply the German Protestants in the Western states of N. America, with ministers and teachers, the constitution of the Society is inclosed, and our co-operation requested.

This was referred to the Missionary Society.

No. 6. The excuse of Br. H. P. Müller, of Alleghany, with the prayer to be ordained, by a committee appointed for the purpose; inclosed is his parochial report.

Resolved: That Br. H. P. Müller be excused, and his petition referred to the Ministerial session.

A communication from the Building committee of the Presbyterian church in Harrisburg, was presented to the President, containing a friendly invitation for the Rev. Synod to be present at the laying of the corner stone of their church at half past 4 o. c. in the afternoon.

Resolsed: That we thankfully acknowledge this friendly and Christian invitation, and appoint a committee to attend the solemnity. The committee to consist of Rev. Messrs. Dr. Ernst, Schæfer, Finkel, Fr. Ruthrauff, Geissenhainer and Conrad.

The *Third* committee reported.

No. 7. Contains an apology from Pastor Minnig, sen. stating that illness and the infirmities of age prevented his attendance at Synod—His parochial report is inclosed.

Resolved: That Pastor Minnig be excused.

No. 8. A letter from Pastor Strein, praying to be excused, he states bodily infirmity as the cause of his absence, and adds the parochial report.—Excused.

No. 9. Contains the report of 2 conferences, held in the 6th District of the Synod of Pennsylvania:

a) held in Milton, Northumberland co. Oct. 7th 1840.

b) in Selings-grove, Union co. Dec. 11th 1840.

Both were held with apparent benefit to the congregations.

Resolved: That we rejoice in the diligence of this conference.

No. a) Contains the excuse of Pastor Bahl, for not attendance, stating sickness in his family as the reason.

Mr. Bahl was excused.

The *Fourth* committee reported.

No. 10.

A. A letter from Candidate Erle, praying to be excused for absence, and wishing Synod the blessing of God.—Excused.

B. Is a recommendation from the congregations of Zion, Friedens and Ballattemer, in favor of their minister Carl Erle; they likewise pray Synod, to afford him some support from the Legacies.

Synod rejoices in the good testimony; the prayer for support is referred to the President.

C. Is the journal and a sermon of Candidate Erle.—The report on these is referred to the Ministerium.

No. 11. The prayer of congregations in Millers Schoolhouse, Federolfs Church, Armstrong's Valley, Halifax and Clarks Valley in Dauphin co. to be supplied with a Minister who can officiate in the German and English languages; they promise an adequate support.

Resolved: That any member of this Synod be permitted, to visit or accept a call from the above congregations.

No. 12. Is a letter from Pastor Trumbauer to excuse on account of illness; he includes the parochial report.

Resolved: That Pastor Trumbauer be excused.

The committee, instructed to examine the Minutes of the preceding year, and report any thing therein, having reference to this session—beg leave to say, that they met the different matters, they now bring forward; on all these action had however been already taken, except that having reference to the publication of the old Lutheran Hymn Book.

The committee intrusted with the publication, stated that they were not prepared to report.

The *Fifth* committee reported.

No. 13. Contains the Minutes of the German Reformed Synod of North America, held in Greencastle, Pa. in the month of October 1840. From these the committee learn, that the Rev. J.

H. Schmalz was appointed (primarius) and Rev. Bossler (secundus) Delegates of that Rev. Body to this Synod. Further than this the committee found nothing, having particular reference to our Synod.—Synod rejoices in this Christian relation.

No. 14. The Minutes of the West Pennsylvania Synod, held in Pittsburg in Oct. 1840. They contain no further referenc to this Synod, than the appointment of Rev. Mr. Stroh as Delegate to this Body.—We rejoice in this fraternal relation.

No. 15. Minutes of the Synod of South Carolina, held in Newberg, Nov. 1840. The committee find nothing having particular reference to us.

No. 16. Is an appeal by the Rev. General Synod of the Lutheran church, to all Ministers, church councils and members of the Evangelical Lutheran church in the United states, to celebrate the centenary of our church in this country. The committee is of opinion that the paper should be read before the Rev. Synod.

Resolved: That the reading of the above be deferred, until the last committee shall have reported.

a) A letter from Pastor Abele, praying to be excused, and stating the cause of his absence, being the sickness of two of his children.

Resolved: That he be excused.

Report of the *Sixth* committee.

No. 17. Contains the Minutes of the Synod of N. Carolina, held in Iredell co. Oct. 1840. Your committee find nothing with reference to this Synod,

This Synod rejoices in having received these Minutes.

No. 18. The Minutes of the English Ev. Lutheran Synod of Ohio, held in Zanesville Oct. 1840. We regard the transmission of these Minutes as an earnest of fraternal feeling.

No. 19. Contains the Minutes of the Western District of the German Ev. Lutheran Synod of Ohio, held at Wooster, Wayne co. on the Feast of Trinity, 1840.

Synod likewise expresses joy.

No. 20. The Minutes of the Synod of Maryland, from which we learn that the Rev. B. Kurtz, D. D. was appointed Delegate to this Body.

We rejoice to see Dr. Kurtz in our midst, and hope that the bonds of love may continue to unite us.

The committee instructed to examine the Minutes of the Synod of the West, the Eastern District Synod of Ohio and the General

Synod, report:

a) The Synod of the West met in Jeffersontown, Jefferson co. Ky. Oct. 7th, 1840. The officers are: Rev. W. Jenkins, President, Rev. G. Yeager, Secretary, and Rev. G. A. Brandau, Treasurer. A report of our meeting in Allentown, and the prayer, that God would richly bless the proceedings of this ancient and respectable Body, are contained in the above minutes.

We rejoice at the Christian and fraternal spirit of this Body.

b) The officers of the Eastern District of Ohio are, Rev. J. Steck, President, Rev. J. J. Fast, Secretary, and Rev. Melsheimer, Treasurer. The Brethren remark, that, whereas the Synod of Pennsylvania has appointed a committee, to prepare a new and improved Liturgy, they thankfully accept the invitation, to co-operate in this work, & rejoice in the prosperity of the Redeemer's cause among us.

Resolved: That we appreciate the love of the Brethren of Ohio, and thank them for their offer, to co-operate in the publication of a new Liturgy.

c) The officers of the General Synod are: Rev. G. A. Lintner, D. D. President, Rev. C. A. Smith, Secretary, and S. H. Bühler, Treasurer. The last meeting was held in Baltimore, May 1841. The proceedings of this Body manifest a spirit of *deep* piety and perseverence in the Redeemer's work—especially would the committee recommend the document, entitled: „*Appeal to the ministers etc.*" respecting a centenary celebration in our church, to the co-operation of the Synod in the object proposed.

Resolved: That, as respects the centenary celebration, every minister of our connexion be at liberty to consult with his congregation and act as may be deemed proper.

Mr. Ernst Lieb obtained leave of absence.

Rev. Dr. Mayer informed Synod, that the Bible Society of Pennsylvania had resolved to supply every family in the state with a copy of the Bible, and expressed the hope, that the members of this Synod would take an active part in this benevolent work.

Hereupon

Resolved: That Synod again, earnestly request its members to take active part with the Bible Society of Pennsylvania to aid in accomplishing this very desirable work.

Brother Stœver obtained leave to withdraw.

Resolved: That we adjourn, and the subject of the Liturgy be acted upon in the afternoon.—Prayer by Pastor Fuchs.

SIXTH SESSION, *Wednesday*, 3 *o. c. P. M.*

Prayer by Pastor Lochman.

Rev. Dr. Demme obtained leave to read to Synod a letter from Rev. Mr. Georgii, containing the prayer, to be excused for absence from Synod and not sending his journal &c.

Resolved: That his prayer be granted.

The committee on the Minutes of the Synods of N. York and Virginia, reported.

1. The Synod of New York met Aug. 29th 1840, in Valatie, Columbia co. The officers elected were, Rev. H. N. Pohlman, President, Rev. W. D. Strobel, Secretary, and Rev. Jac. Berger, Treasurer. The Rev. S. Sprecher appeared as our Delegate in that Body and was received with brotherly affection. The Rev. P. F. Mayer, D. D. was appointed Delegate to our Synod.

   The Synod rejoices, to see Rev. Dr. Mayer in its midst, and hopes, that the fraternal relation may be lasting.

2. The Synod of Virginia met on the 20th of May, 1839, in Zion's church, Roanoke co. J. B. Davis, President, T. Stork, Secretary and T. Miller, Treasurer. This Synod regrets that our Rev. Body should have expressed its doubts upon the christian efforts, denominated New Measures. On the other hand said Synod rejoices in the active part we take in Missions.

The committee instructed to examine the Treasurer's account, report: that they have done so, and found the account perfectly correct; the balance in the Treasurer's hands, is

In favor of the Synod	$ 41 20½
In favor of the Missionary-Society	325 32½
Total	$ 366 53

Signed: D. Kohler,
W. G. Ernst,
John Wert.

Resolved: That the report be accepted.

Resolved: That Mr. Walz be informed, that his Work was received by Synod at too late a period, to be this year reviewed.

The Secretary received a letter from the German congregation in Boston, praying Synod to supply them with a Minister.

Resolved: That any Minister feeling so disposed may accept a call from this congregrtion.

Pastor Fuchs, Pastor Ruthrauff and Deputy obtained leave to withdraw.

The committee on the Liturgy reported.

After the Liturgy (prepared by the committee) had been reviewed, and the sentiments of Brethren expressed it was unanimouly

Resolved: That this Liturgy, as here discussed and revised, be adopted.

Resolved: That the same committee forward the constitution of the Ministerium to press. Further

Resolved: That 1000 copies of the constitution be printed and every member answer to take 1 copy for himself and for every individual congregation in his charge.

Resolved: That the number of copies of the Liturgy be left to the discretion of the committee, and that each Brother subscribe for one copy for himself and one for each of his congregations.

Resolved: That 100 copies be bound in elegant form, the remainder as the committee shall deem proper.

Pastor Fr. Ruthrauff obtained leave to withdraw.

Mr. Sprecher, Delegate to the New York Synod, reported, that he had appeared and been received with much affection and friendship.

Adjourned, with prayer by Pastor Welden.

Pastor Lochman preached in the evening in the English language.

SEVENTH SESSION, *Thursday 9 o. c. A. M.*

Opened with singing and prayer by the Secretary.

The Secretary of the Missionary laid before Synod two resolutions of the Society.

a) „*Resolved:* That this Society pray Synod, to authorise the Rev. Dr. Demme, to inform the different Missionary Societies, in Germany, constituted with the view to spread the gospel among the Germans in the West, of the views of this Synod as regards the formation of, so called, Evangelical congregations.

Approved and adopted by Synod.

b) „*Resolved:* That the Rev. President of the Missionary Society be instructed to propose the question: whether the Synod will

recognise as Lutheran Ministers, the Missionaries which these Societies may send hither, and whether Synod will permit its Missionary-Society, to send them to the West as Missionaries, providing that they be able to present the proper testimonials from the above named Societies in Germany?"

Resolsed: That this question be answered in the affirmative, providing that they shall make application to this effect.

The committee to examine the President's account, reported, that they had found all correct and perfectly satisfactory.

Father Bætis stated that the congregation in New Holland was yet destitute of a Minister and represented their peculiar situation owing to the separation of that district. Hereupon

Resolved: That Synod herewith express its earnest disapprobation of any arbitrary division of congregational districts.

Resolved: That Synod consider it the duty of Rev. Pastor C. P. Miller on his part, to do all in his power, that the congregation of New Holland be again provided with the preaching of the word of God.

Professor Schmidt gave a verbal report on the „*Kirchenzeitung*."

Resolved: That Synod rejoice in the success of the „*Kirchenzeitung*," and expresses satisfaction with the manner in which it has hitherto been conducted and advise the Brethren to encourage their members to its support.

Resolved: That the Brethren, who aided the editor with a loan, be requested, if possible to continue the same in his hands during the present year.

The Synod appointed its Delegates.

To the Synod of New York—Brother J. W. Richards, alternate Pastor Finkel.

To the Synod of Maryland—Pastor Schæffer, alternate Pastor Hæsbært.

To the Synod of West Pennsylvania—Professor Schmidt, alternate, Pastor Stœver.

To the General Synod of Ohio—Professor Schmidt.

To the German Reformed Synod—Dr. J. Miller, alternate, Pastor Kohler.

Resolved: That a list of the names of our congregations be added to the minutes of the following year.

Resolved: That 1000 copies of these proceedings be printed in the German and 400 copies in the English language.

Resolved: That the Secretary transmit the usual number of copies to the different Synods.

Resolved: That Pastor Welden translate the minutes.

The vacant congregations were announced as follows:

New Holland—Blockhouse—Ev. Lutheran congregation in New-Orleans—Seilersburg Monroe co.—Middletown—Greensburg, Federolfs and Halifax.

Pastor Welden and Dr. J. Miller obtained leave of absence.

The Synodical business being concluded, Synod proceeded to designate the time and place of the next meeting.

An invitation to meet in Lancaster was received through Dr. Becker. Whereupon

Resolved: That the rule of voting by ballot be suspended for the present time and decide by Yea and Nay.

Resolved: That the time of meeting be, the Feast of Trinity 1842. The place of meeting, in the city of Lancaster.

The Synodical session was thereupon closed with prayer by the Rev. senior, Pastor Bætis.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

NAMES OF THE MINISTERS.	Con-greg.	Bap-tisms.	Confir-ma.	Commu-nicants.	Died.	SCHOOLS. Com.	SCHOOLS. Sund.	MONIES RECEIVED. Synod.	MONIES RECEIVED. Mission.
Pastor J. P. Hecht	1	90	51	467	20		1	$ 10	
Doctor J. Miller	5	211	64	680	74	4	1	5	
Pastor D. Ulrich	6	131	52	755	47	6		4	$ 20
Doctor W. G. Ernst	3	56	41	253	19	2	1	5	6
Pastor W. Bætis	1	23	13	201	19				
- Meendsen									
Doctor J. C. Becker	1	120	38	443	55		2	10	34 47
Pastor J. P. Hemping	8	166	100	880	21	5	1	2 50	6
- J. P. Schindel	8	216	152	1633	18	3	5	5	10
- J. A. Probst	4	163		850	37			15	10
- G. Minnig		116	9	288	23	4			
- J. J. Strein		30		94	13		1		
- C. Miller	6	190	135	1506	42	6	2	5	10
- H. Stecher	3	65		375	26	3		3 12	5
- S. Trumbauer	4	69	14	344	22	4	2	4	7
- B. German									
- Stein	6	145	86	790	50	6	1	4 6	10
Doctor C. R. Demme and } Pastor G. A. Reichardt }	1	323	72	1378	130	4	3	47 52	220 00
Pastor Fr. Ruthrauff	4	11	71	355	8		3	4 50	40 00
- G. Jæger	8	155	70	1015	51	12			
- G. Heilig									
- Abele									
- J. W. Eyer	5	156	71	734	28		3	5	

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- J. W. Richards	1	35	15	350	30		2		20
- Jon. Ruthrauff	4	95	42	450	35		3	5	17 50
- J. Bahl		30		94	13		1	2	
- H. S. Miller	6	78	73	750	31	2	3	7 64	22 50
- Beilharz	3	29	4	188	5				
- C. P. Miller	7	113	47	465	43	5	6	5	20
- W. B. Kæmmer									
- J. Jæger	3	129	40	757	36	3	1		
- J. [illegible] Gross									
- J. Rœller	7	148	95	952	26	7		2	2
- Schulze								5	
- Jer. Schindel	8	148	92	1630	51	8		3	10
- M. Herpel									
- E. Peixoto	3	23		262	4	3	3		
- S. D. Finkel	1	19	12	94	14		1		
- Dietzsch									
- J. Hæsbært	1	120	39	934	53	1	1		70
- C. W. Welden	5	90	34	473	28	4		3	10
- A. Fuchs	5	186	22	486	26			2	2
- C. W. Schæffer	1	24	8	230	13			2	60
Professor Schmidt	1	16	14	481	12	1	1		
- Reynolds									
Pastor Mærz	2	16	23	138	5			1 42	1 42
- Sprecher									
- W. Minnig	6	108	82	544	49	2	2	1 25	15§
- E. Minner									
- C. F. Stœver	6	107	58	618	17	4	3	1 50	3 50

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- D. Kohler	3	66	31	295	21	2	2	2	3
- Griebler	1	12	5	38	4	1			3
- J. P. Schindel	7	156	121	886	27	5	2	5	25
- A. T. Geissenhainer	4	45	80	430	10	2	1	5	13
- Gerhart	4	104	44	484	38		1	2	18
Candidate H. P. R. Müller	1	58	8	360	16	1	1		
- Hursch									
- Conrad									
- Gockelen	4	30	40	87	18	1	1		
- Nülsen									
- Friedrich	1	11	17	91	2	1			
- Georgii	5	72		190	10				5

§)Also $ 14 25 for foreign Missions, from the Ev. Luth. Missionary Society in Pottsville. Annual contributions $ 16.

Rev. Dr. Mayer transmitted $ 50 to the Treasurer, from theMissionary Society in St. Johns church, Philadelphia, which was thankfully received.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MINISTERIUM.

The Ministerium met on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock—the session was opened with a prayer offered up by Dr. Becker.

Dr. Becker offered a resolution, that the following congregations be recommended to the attention of the Executive committee of the Missionary Society: 1) Mount Carmel and the surrounding region, Ill., 5 congregations; 2) Wild cat river east of Lafayette; 3) Chicago, German Point, the Plains and Salt river; 4) The north side of Missouri river, above St. Charles, for the distance of about 90 miles.

Remark.—The first station, as also the second, require the German and English languages; many of the Settlers are from Pennsylvania. The two last stations, No. 3 and 4, should be supplied with German ministers, as the people are mostly German emigrants.

Report of the Examining Committee.

The Examining committee have the honor to report to the Rev. Synod—that as far as the time permitted, they have examined the Applicant Mr. F. R. Anspach, in the Greek language, Exegesis, Dogmatik, Church History and Homiletics, that he passed in all these branches, and that the committee can recommend his reception into the Ministerium as a candidate.

JOHN C. BECKER,
J. MILLER,
W. G. ERNST.

The reports on the Journals and Sermons of the Candidates were now called for by the President. They were all of such a nature that the Ministerium

Resolved: To renew the Licenses of all the Candidates. On motion of Dr. Becker

Resolved: That the officers of the Ministerium be instructed to prepare a license for Mr. Henry Frederick Grassow, now a Missionary.

The Examining committee appointed by the President for the following year, consists of Dr. Demme, Dr. Becker, Dr. Ernst, Dr. Miller and Pastor J. P. Schindel.

Resolved: That the officers of the synod attach their signatures to several licenses, for the chairman of the Executive committee of the Missionary Society, in order to furnish such persons, as

may be sent as Missionaries from Germany, who shall apply to the committee.

Resolved: That Candidate Anspach be called in—that the duties of candidates be read to him by the President, and a license given him.

Whereas, the business of the Ministerium was brought to a close before evening, contrary to expectation, and our resolution being thus frustrated, of presenting our heartfelt acknowledgements, through the medium of the President, to this congregation, and the citizens of Harrisburg in general, for their friendship and kindness during our stay. Therefore

Resolved: That Rev. Mr. Schæffer, Pastor of the congregation, be requested to do this verbally and the Secretary through the minutes—which is herewith done in the name of all the Brethren.

The President announces the business ended and closed with heartfelt prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ! Head of the church! bless the feeble efforts of thy servants and grant further help that we may continue to be faithful Laborers in thy vineyard. In grace look down upon our congregations, and so upon all thy creatures on earth, and let „*Thy Kingdom come*" to the glory of God—Hallelujah—Amen.

That the foregoing was transacted in the sessions of the Synod and Ministerium of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium, convened in Harrisburg in the Month of June A. D. 1841, is attested by

H. S. Miller,
Secretary of the Ministerium.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE SYNOD OF
PENNSYLVANIA.

The missionary society assembled, according to a resolution passed last year, on Saturday, the 5th day of June 1841, at 9 o'clock A. M. in the Ev. Luth. church at Harrisburg. Opened with singing and prayer by the President, the Rev. father Bætis.

An election for officers was held, and resulted as follows:

Rev. WM. BÆTIS, *President.*
" J. HÆSBÆRT, *Vice-President.*
" FR. SCHMIDT, *Secretary.*
" C. R. DEMME, D. D. *corresponding Secretary.*
" J. C. BECKER, D. D. *Treasurer.*

As directors for the ensuing year, were chosen: Rev. H. S. Miller, Rev. G. A. Reichardt, Rev. S. Sprecher, Rev. C. Schæffer, Rev. S. Trumbauer, Rev. J. Ruthrauff, Mr. Heinitsch, Mr. Hæger, Dr. Mühlenberg, Mr. Jacob Miller, Mr. Duck, and Mr. Adam Keller.

On motion the last year's proceedings were read: whereupon it was

Resolved: That the same be received, with the amendment, that we expect, these missionaries who may be sent from Germany, to be provided for, from thence, not for several years, but only the first year.

On motion of brother Hæsbært

Resolved: That the 6th Article of the constitution be thus altered: instead of „*President, Secretary, and Treasurer,*" to read „*The officers of the Society.*"

The Rev. Dr. Kurtz, sen. and Rev. Dr. Morris were received as advisory members; the latter as Delegate of the German foreign missionary society of the General Synod.

The treasurer, Dr. Becker, read the yearly report of the Executive committee, which was accepted.

Report of the Executive committee.

The executive committee beg leave to report to this society as follows:

In the course of last year we transmitted to brother Miller in Tinnevalley $ 850 25, whereof $ 575 were taken from the missionary-treasury, the remainder from St. John's congregation in Philadelphia and the Bible society of Lebanon county. In the month of June 1840, brother Miller, again united with the church missionary society, as he informed Dr. Demme in a letter dated the 13th day of the following month of August.

Whereas said society has sufficient means to maintain the mission under brother Miller—this society will give it no more support, but

will look elsewhere, in order to propagate the gospel among the heathens.

On the second day of April of the present year, arrived among us a pupil of the Missions-Institute in Berlin, Mr. Friedrich Grassow, and expressed a wish, to labor in the far West, in connexion with our church. We assisted him, gave him a recommendation to our Clergy and congregations, and advised him especially, to call on brother Schmidt in Pittsburg. Brother Schmidt directed him to Evansville, Ind. where there is a large settlement of Germans and where he arrived on the 21st of April. Since then he continues to preach in said village and adjacent parts, and has the prospect of establishing more congregations.

Brother Nülsen still continues to labor in Elkhardt and surrounding parts. His reports we give in the „Kirchenzeitung." His third report has not come to hand, but the 4th and last we now present to the society.

All money appropriations made by the society, were attended to, as the treasurer's account will show.

William Bætis,
John C. Becker,
C. Hager,
J. F. Heinitsch,
Friedrich Schmidt,
H. S. Miller.

Resolved: That the direction (in regard to persons giving notice, before they come to the Lord's table) which our executive committee transmitted to brother Nülsen, is in accordance with the wholesome usages of our church, and meets our entire approbation; and that the said committee be permitted, to direct this brother farther-more in said matter.

Resolved: That the executive committee be autherized, for this year, if they see proper to transmit unto brother Nülsen the sum of $200; they shall, however, during this year try to collect such information, as may enable us in future to regulate the salaries of our missionaries according to established rules, and that the means which are at our command, may be so applied as to promote the greatest good.

Resolved: That the course pursued by the executive committee, in sending brother Grassow as missionary in the west, meets the approbation of this society, and that the committee be instructed to continue a correspondence with brother Grassow, and aid him with brotherly advice.

Dr. Demme read a letter, in reference to the Palamcotta-Mission.

Resolved: That this letter be referred to a committee, composed of the brethren Becker, Hæsbært and Schmidt.

The society adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M. Closed with prayer.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Commenced with singing and prayer.

The proceedings of the forenoon were read and accepted.

A letter from Rev. Fr. Heyer of Baltimore, was received and on motion read.

Baltimore, June 3rd 1841.

Dear Brother.

I should prefer going into the Heathen world, under the direction of an Ev. Luth. missionary society, rather than be dependent on other christian denominations, therefore I take the liberty of addressing myself to your missionary society.—Should the brethren feel disposed, to send me as a missionary among the Heathens, then the following conditions are to be born in mind.

1) the society to appoint the place or country, where the mission is to commence.

2) The monies, which are in the hands of the treasurer, are to defray the travelling expences, to the appointed place.

3) The remainder to be paid in three equal instalments, provided I should live so long.

4) I invest 1000 Dollars of my own property; the interest to aid in the support of the mission, as long as I am in connexion with it.

5) In order to meet other necessary expenditures, I believe there are ministers and other friends of missions to be found, who will become responsible.

May the blessing of heaven accompany your missionary and synodical deliberations.

I remain with respect
Your

Rev. William Bætis, President of the missionary society.

Fr. Heyer.

Resolved: That a committee be appointed & report to the society on the letter of brother Heyer's—composed of the brethren Sprecher, C. Miller, H. S. Miller.

On motion the following brethren were admitted as advisory members: Doctor B. Kurtz, from the Maryland Synod, the brethren Anspach, Heilig and Fisher, from the West-Pennsylvania Synod, and brother Geissenhainer from the Synod of New York.

A letter from brother Müller in Alleghany was received, in which he asked for aid out of the missionary treasury.

Resolved: That this letter be laid on the table.

On motion

Resolved: That a committee be appointed to examine the account of the „*Kirchenzeitung*" with the Palamcotta mission—likewise the account of brother Schmidt's respecting the printing of the Synodical sermon. The committee consists of the brethren Reynolds and J. Ruthrauff.

Brother Hæsbært received permission to read a letter from Mr. Sattler, Rector of the Gymnasium in Stade, in the Kingdom of Hanover.

Brother Hæsbært likewise read a letter from Pastor Treviranus; whereupon it was

Resolved: That this society pray Synod, to authorise the Rev. Dr. Demme, to inform the different missionary societies, in Ger-

many, constituted with the view to spread the gospel among the Germans in the West, of the views of this Synod as regards the formation of, so called, Evangelical congregations.

Resolved: That on Tuesday evening next the yearly meeting of this society be held.

The society adjourned, after a sincere prayer, until Monday the 7th at 7 o'clock, A. M. at which time the education business is to be attended to.

Monday, June 7th at 7 o'clock, A. M.

The committee appointed to draft a constitution for an education society received permission to report.

After the constitution had been read, discussed and in some respects amended, it was accepted.

The society dispersed, and agreed to meet at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Evening at 7 o'clock.

The members of the education society gave in their names, after which the officer's were chosen.

The letters of brother Müller of Palamcotta which were given to a committee, were taken up; this dear brother informs us that he has again united with the church missionary society of England, therefore he does not feel himself at liberty to receive the monies which were last sent to him from this society, under different circumstances.

Resolved: That the corresponding secretary be requested to write to brother Müller at Palamcotta and desire him to have the said monies returned to this society.

The society adjourned after a short prayer until Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock.

On Tuesday evening the yearly meeting of the society was held. After brother Fisher addressed the throne of grace—Dr. Becker read the yearly report of the executive committee, likewise the quarterly report of brother Nülsen our missionary in the state of Indiana.

After which Pastor Fr. Schmidt delivered an address in the German, and candidate Conrad in the English language to the assembled congregation; at the close they were dismissed with the blessing.

Wednesday evening, 7 o'clock.

Rev. Pastor Stroh opened the session with prayer.

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Editor of the Kirchenzeitung, with the Palamcotta mission, and the printing of the synodical sermon, reported as follows:

The committees appointed to examine the accounts of Mr. Fr. Schmidt with the missionary society, beg leave to report that they have found the same correct.

Editor of the Kirchenzeitung in account with the Palamcotta Mission.

Dr.

1840.	August 7.	Rev. Muehlhauser, Rochester, N. Y.	$ 10 00
	10.	J. Young, Columbiana, Ohio,	60
	Octob. 24.	Rev. G. M. Mærz, Boston, Mass.	9 00
	Feb. 8.	Rev. Schweizerbarth, Zelienopel, Pa.	105 71½

		Brought over		125 31¼
1841.	Feb.	22. Jac. Gulich, Cincinnati,		6 00
	March	10. Rev. Rothacker, Ohio,		4 00
		16. Rev. Weynecken, Fort Wayne, Indiana,		38 00
	May	26. Rev. Winkler, Newark, New Jersey,		7 00
				180 31¼

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By Mr. J. Gulich's money	30	
By Rev. Mr. Rothacker	20	
By Rev. Weynecken	1 20	
		1 70
Nett		178 61¼
Proceeds of synodical sermon in hands		18 30
In hands since last year from Rev. J. Gross.		4 32
Total for Missionary Treasury		$ 201 23¼

JON. RUTHRAUFF,
W. M. REYNOLDS.

Resolved: That the monies which are yet in the hands of Mr. Schmidt for synodical sermon, be paid in the missionary treasury.

Dr. Demme presented a petition from Mr. Sans, an Evangelical preacher at New-Orleans, praying to aid them in the erection of a new church.

Resolved: That we cannot enter into this matter, in as much as we are unacquainted with the circumstances of the congregation.

The session closed with prayer.

Wednesday, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The committee to whom was referred the letter of brother Heyer reported:

The committee appointed to report on brother Heyer's letter, would respectfully state—

It is with pleasure they perceive, how much brother Heyer is devoted to the cause of Christ and his church, in as much as he offers himself to be sent as missionary among the heathens, and declares that it is his wish to be sent by the Luth. church.

The committee regret, that we (the missionary society of Penn.) as we believe, have not sufficient means at hand to form and maintain a heathen mission—and as your committee are informed, cannot reckon upon the co-operation of the other Lutheran brethren, they having in a great measure united with the American board of mission for a similar object.

Therefore your committee would not venture to offer any motion in regard to this matter, although they sincerely wish that much might and could be done by the Lutheran church, for the poor heathens, they likewise look upon brother Heyer as a suitable person.

Respectfully

C. Miller,
H. S. Miller.

Resolved: That brother Heyer's letter be read.

On motion of Dr. Demme, seconded by Dr. Becker, it was *unanimously*

Resolved: That we, in reliance on *Divine Providence*, commence a heathen mission.

Resolved: That we receive brother Heyer as missionary in our service, however his offer "to invest $1000 of his own property, the interest of which to aid in the support of the mission, so long as he is connected with it," not to be accepted.

Resolved: That the executive committee be solicited, immediately to enter into a correspondence with brother Heyer, in order to carry the above resolutions into effect.

Resolved: That we recommend to the executive committee, *Hindostan* as a missionary field, for their first consideration.

Resolved: That the treasurer Rev. Dr. Becker be requested to address a circular to the different missionary societies of our church, informing them of the above resolutions, and invite them to co-operate with us.

Resolved: That this circular of the treasurer be published in the „Kirchenzeitung" and Lutheran Observer.

Resolved: That the corresponding secretary be requested to write to Dr. Niemeyer at Halle, and enquire, whether or no, a part of those monies intended for the East India mission, could be transferred to our society.

A letter from Rev. Pastor Treviranus was handed in, in which he solicits our co-operation, for the west in America, with the missionary societies of Germany.

Resolved: That the Rev. President of the missionary society be instructed to propose the question: whether the synod will recognise as Lutheran ministers, the missionaries which these societies may send hither, and whether synod will permit its missionary society, to send them to the West as missionaries, providing that they be able to present the proper testimonials from the above named societies in Germany.

Resolved: That we adjourn, to meet to-morrow at 7 o'clock, A. M. Prayer.

Wednesday evening 6 o'clock.

The board of directors met in order to elect out of their midst three members who, in connexion with the officers, compose the executive committee. They elected Mr. Heinitsch, Mr. Haeger and Dr. Mühlenberg.

Thursday, June 10th 7 o'clock.

The society assembled according to resolution, the proceedings were read.

Resolved: That the proceedings of the society, and the report of the executive committee, be appended to the minutes of the synod, and likewise published in the "Kirchenzeitung."

Resolved: That the committee to superintend the printing of the synodical sermon be discharged, and those copies not sold be divided among the brethren.

Resolved: That we now adjourn (sine die).

That the above was thus transacted, testifies

Friedrich Schmidt, *Secretary.*